

Insert the following new claims:

--7.(new)The method of claim 4 wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of polyaminocarboxylic acid, pyridine dicarboxylic acid, and a derivative thereof.--;

--8.(new)The kit of claim 5 wherein the sensitizing moiety absorbs in the 400-800nm region--; and

--9.(new)An apparatus as claimed in claim 6 wherein the detector is suitable for detecting luminescence in the 800-1100nm range--.

Remarks

Enclosed is a Drawing sheet. Formal examination of claims 1-9 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

*Richard P. Fennelly*

Richard P. Fennelly  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 25,677

Richard P. Fennelly  
Akzo Nobel Inc.  
Intellectual Property Department  
7 Livingstone Avenue  
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522-3408  
(914) 674-5464